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A REPORT OF INTERIM ACTIVITY . . . MONTANA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL . . . HELENA

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The INTERIM newsletter has returned. For the information of our new legislators and as a reminder to the veterans, we would like to point out that this is your newsletter published by the Legislative Council to keep you informed of the interim activities of the Legislature. In this newsletter you will find brief descriptions of legislative meetings and announcements for meetings that are planned. We try to keep this newsletter short. If you need additional information on any point, please contact the legislative agency responsible. Please contact the Legislative Council Office with any comments or criticisms about this newsletter.

LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP  
LISTED

We have been notified of appointments made to certain statutory and other Legislative Committees. For your convenience a list of those committees is attached. We would appreciate being notified concerning future chairman and vice-chairman elections to the committees. The Legislative Council plans to meet June 18 to assign members to interim study committees. When these members have been appointed, each legislator will receive a reference booklet containing complete information on interim committees.

INTERIM  
STUDY  
ASSIGNMENTS

Also enclosed is a list of interim studies assigned by the Legislative Council at its May 19 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE  
PUBLICATIONS  
  
FINAL STATUS

The Combined Final Status has been printed by Bob Walter and her crew in the Legislative Print Room, and a copy will be mailed to each legislator with this newsletter. The Final Status will also be mailed to all subscribers to the Legislative Proceedings under Joint Rule 3-8. The Final Status is furnished free of charge. State agencies and/or private parties may obtain their copies in Room 138, State Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE  
REVIEW

The Legislative Review, which contains a summary of each bill passed in 1979 and an index of all code sections affected, is in printing and is expected to be completed by June 18. The Review will be mailed to all legislators and to all code subscribers free of charge.

SESSION  
LAWS

We are estimating that the 1979 Laws of Montana (Session Laws) will contain about 2,400 pages. At this time only 1,660 pages have gone to the printer. Hopefully, Session Laws will be distributed some time in July. The cost to the public is not yet known.

JOURNALS

House and Senate Journals are also at the printer and should be distributed in July.

ORDERS  
NECESSARY

Section 5-11-203, MCA, provides that the Legislative Council distribute House and Senate Journals and Session Laws to each legislator. However, in the past we have found that many legislators do not want these publications. Since postage is very costly, we are asking that you fill out and return the enclosed order blank if you want the Session Laws and/or Journals. You will not auto-matically be sent these publications.

LEGAL  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR  
APPOINTED

At its Saturday, May 19 meeting, the Montana Legislative Council appointed Robert Clark Pyfer Director of its Legal Services Division. Pyfer, a native of East Helena, replaces H. David Cogley, who is leaving to pursue a career in residential construction. As Legal Services Director, Pyfer will supervise the Legislature's staff of lawyers in bill drafting, codification, and legislative committee work.

Pyfer graduated cum laude from the University of Montana Law School in 1976. Since graduation from Law School, he has worked as a staff attorney for the Legislative Council during two legislative sessions. His interim duties included aiding in recodification of the Montana statutes as well as serving as staff counsel to the Montana Administrative Code Committee and the Legislative Committee on Indian Legal Jurisdiction.

Pyfer resides in Helena with his wife, Jeanne, and two daughters, Nicole, 3, and Lora, 1.

## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING                    The Legislative Audit Committee will meet on June 20, 1979, in the State Capitol.

REPORT TO  
BE ISSUED                The Committee will review the financial/compliance audit report on the Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division.

REPORTS                    Audit reports will be available throughout the biennium to all interested parties. Contact the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, Helena, Montana, telephone 449-3122.

## LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE

MEETING  
HELD                      The Legislative Consumer Committee met on May 23, 1979, and appointed as Consumer Counsel Jim Paine of Helena, who is presently on the staff of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Paine will replace Geoffrey Brazier who has resigned effective June 30.

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APPEALS                    The Consumer Counsel will hire witnesses to defend a court appeal brought by Mountain Bell from a recent Public Service Commission decision and was authorized to appeal an anticipated decision of the Public Service Commission permitting Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to implement a deferred gas cost accounting plan which the Consumer Counsel contends would cause rates to increase without a hearing or permission from the Public Service Commission.

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Detach and return to Legislative Council, State Capitol, Helena, 59601.

## LEGISLATOR ORDER

Please send me:

- ( ) 1979 SESSION LAWS
- ( ) 1979 HOUSE JOURNAL
- ( ) 1979 SENATE JOURNAL

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Signed

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

### Legislative Council

Rep. Oscar Kvaalen	Sen. Pat Goodover
Chairman	Vice Chairman
Rep. Rex Manuel	Sen. Chet Blaylock
Rep. Robert Marks	Sen. Carroll Graham
Rep. John Vincent	Sen. Frank Hazelbaker

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Rep. Dennis Nathe	Sen. William Hafferman
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Rep. Art Shelden	Sen. Bill Thomas

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Chairman	Vice Chairman
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Rep. Gene Donaldson	Sen. Larry Fasbender
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Rep. Art Lund	Sen. Bill Norman
Rep. Jack Moore	Sen. Pat Regan

### Capitol Building and Planning Committee

Sen. John Healy	Rep. Jerry Metcalf
Rep. A. T. Rasmussen	Rep. Bobby Spilker

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

### Revenue Oversight Committee

Sen. Bob Brown  
Sen. Jack Galt  
Sen. Thomas Towe  
Sen. Jean A. Turnage  
Sen. Robert Watt

Rep. W. T. Bennett  
Rep. E. W. Dassingier  
Rep. Jay Labrega  
Rep. Dan Harrington  
Rep. Herb Huennkens  
Rep. Robert Sivertsen

### Energy Policy Committee

Sen. Chet Blaylock  
Sen. Steve Brown  
Sen. Harold Dover  
Sen. William Mathers

Rep. Ann Mary Dussault  
Rep. Harold Gerke  
Rep. Jack Ramirez

### Legislative Improvement Committee

Sen. Carroll Graham  
Sen. Allen Kolstad  
Sen. Bill Norman  
Sen. Stan Stephens

Rep. Ann Mary Dussault  
Rep. Harold Gerke  
Rep. Kerry Keyser  
Rep. Robert Sivertsen

### Committee on Laboratory Needs of Livestock Industry

Sen. Larry Fasbender  
Sen. Jack Galt

Rep. Esther Bengtson  
Rep. Bob Thoft

### Administrative Code Committee

Rep. Jack Ramirez  
Chairman  
Rep. Hal Harper  
Rep. Les Hirsch  
Rep. Chris Stobie

Sen. Richard G. Smith  
Vice Chairman  
Sen. William Lowe  
Sen. Bob Peterson  
Sen. Pete Story

### Reapportionment Commission

Nancy Aagenes  
Marjorie Bell  
John Kuhr  
James Pasma

### Committee on Indian Affairs

Sen. William Lowe  
Sen. Harold Nelson  
Sen. Bob Peterson  
Sen. Richard Smith

Rep. Tom Conroy  
Rep. Dennis Iverson  
Rep. Carl Seifert  
Rep. Mel Williams

TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES

Studies staffed by Legislative Council:

Study

HJR 54 Annexation Laws  
HJR 65/59 Prison needs/ corrections policy/sentencing  
HJR 49 Branching of Financial Institutions  
HJR 17 Energy Forecasting  
HJR 38 Local Government Costs (etc.)  
HJR 40 Retirement Systems  
HJR 1 Indian Relations  
HJR 56 Container Deposits  
HJR 62 Seed Certifications  
HJR 37 Legislative Improvement  
Water Resources Oversight  
Capitol Building and Planning  
Salary Commission  
Revenue Oversight (HJR 42)

Staff Person

Deborah B. Schmidt  
Kathleen Harrington & Dennis Taylor  
Karen Hedblom  
Deborah B. Schmidt  
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Jim Oppedahl  
Jim Oppedahl  
Bob Person  
Diana Dowling  
Bob Person  
Jim Oppedahl  
Jim Oppedahl  
Teresa Olcott Cohea

\* Study Conducted by Legislative Finance Committee

HJR 58 University Funding

Study staffed by Environmental Quality Council:

HJR 21 Developing Industries Compatible with Environment

Study by Department of Livestock/MSU:

Laboratory Needs of Livestock Industry

\* Subject to change



